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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Davidson, Lyman C., 1879-1951
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Creator	Noland, Stephen C. (Stephen Croan), 1887-1962
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Administrative History

The Citizens Historical Association was a private research company organized at Indianapolis, Indiana in the 1930's that collected, compiled, and maintained a collection of historical and biographical information regarding institutions, organizations, and people that have a connection to the history of Indiana. For a fee, the public could obtain copies of any article on file. The company also offered Associate Memberships and each member was furnished a free certified copy of the article created from data supplied by the member. The association went out of business in 1952.

Sources:

"Indiana Biography Index List of Sources, 'C.'" Indiana State Library. Accessed July 1, 2016. https://www.statelib.lib.in.us/INBiopre1990/bio_cards_search.asp.

Noland, Stephen C. *Citizens Historical Association*. Indianapolis, IN: Citizens Historical Association, n.d.

Biographical Note

Stephen Croan Noland was born August 5, 1887 at Anderson, Indiana to John and Nora Noland. He began his writing career at *The Indianapolis News* after graduating from Harvard University in 1914. He worked for the paper for more than 30 years, only taking a leave of absence to serve as a 1st lieutenant in the 327 Field Artillery Regiment, 84th Division during World War I. Noland was honorably discharged with the rank of captain. Noland became the editor of *The Indianapolis News* in 1934 and remained in that position until his retirement in 1949. Not resting on his laurels in retirement, he toured England and Western Europe and wrote a series of articles about "Life in Britain Under Socialism." After returning to America, Noland was the publisher of the *Marion County Mail* from 1950 until the early 1960s. He was actively involved in Republican politics and was editor-in-chief and president of the Citizens Historical Association. Noland died at the age of 74 on March 11, 1962.

Sources:

Information contained within collection.

"Steven C. Noland Burial in Arlington." *Indianapolis News*, March 12, 1962.

"Steven Noland, Former Editor of The Indianapolis News, Dies." *Indianapolis Star*, March 12, 1962.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains Stephen Noland's correspondence and papers regarding activities of the Citizens Historical Association (1938-1950), the bulk of the collection being his correspondence with executive director Lyman Davidson. The collection also contains correspondence regarding the "A Century of Hoosier Governors" programs organized and conducted by the Kiwanis Hoosierland Committee and the Hoosier Historical Institutes in 1949 to honor Indiana governors from the first 100 years of statehood. Noland was asked to be the "distinguished guest speaker" at Winfield Taylor Durbin's program in Anderson, Indiana and the collection contains his notes and correspondence from Ross F. Lockridge, director of Hoosier Historical Institute, and Fletcher M. Durbin, Governor Durbin's son. A few miscellaneous papers from the Century Club (1917-1927) are included as well.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

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Publication Information

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Century Club of Indianapolis.
- Citizens Historical Association (Indianapolis, Ind.).

Genre(s)

- Correspondence

Personal Name(s)

- Durbin, Winfield T. (Winfield Taylor), 1847-1928
- Noland, Stephen C. (Stephen Croan), 1887-1962

Subject(s)

- Governors--Indiana
- Journalists